THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHIRAMA RAO :—" Yes. The Government examined the memorandum in consultation with the Board of Revenue. They saw no grounds to comply with the request of the Association. The Secretary of the Association has been informed accordingly."

*Prohibition stations in Malabar.*

* 1042 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(a) how many Prohibition station-houses are vacant without Sub-Inspectors in Malabar and for how long the stations have been vacant; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to fill up the vacancies of Sub-Inspectors in Prohibition stations in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER :—" (a) Out of the 48 Prohibition station-houses in Malabar 12 were vacant for want of Sub-Inspectors, viz., one from November 1952, one from December 1952, 2 from January 1953, 2 from February 1953, 2 from April 1953 and 4 from May 1953.

" (b) Yes, Sir. Orders have already been issued to the officers concerned to fill up the vacancies of Sub-Inspectors in the Prohibition stations in Malabar."

*Fair price shops in Madras City.*

* 1043 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many fair price shops were removed in the City of Madras from January to April 1953 and the causes for the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" One hundred and nineteen fair price shops were 'removed.' Out of these, 93 shops were relinquished by the fair price shop-keepers voluntarily, 14 shops were given up by the shop-keepers on detection of serious irregularities and 12 shops were kept under suspension for serious defects noticed in the running of the shops."

*Refund of the security amount of the Railway Labour Press, Golden Rock.*

* 1044 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government for the refund of the security amount forfeited in respect of the Railway Labour Press, Golden Rock, belonging to the Southern Railway Labour Union, Golden Rock ; and

(b) the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :— " (a) & (b) Yes, certain representations in this regard,

including a recent one from the hon. Member himself, have been received and carefully examined by Government. But the party is not entitled to a refund of a security duly forfeited under law."

*Persons detained under the Preventive Detention Act.*

* 1045 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons who are still being detained by the Government under the Preventive Detention Act in jails;

(b) for what causes they are still being detained; and

(c) if there are none, what has become of Kothapalli Satyanarayana of Bhowtapalli village, Gudivada taluk, who was arrested and sent as a detenu to Cuddalore Central Jail in 1951?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (a) No one is at present detained by the Government under the Preventive Detention Act.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Sri Kothapalli Satyanarayana is not under preventive detention now. The order of detention against him was revoked on 12th July 1951 when he was in the Madras Mental Hospital for treatment. After release he has been detained in the Mental Hospital as a civil patient with reference to the orders of the Third Presidency Magistrate under section 15 of the Indian Lunacy Act, 1912. He is still a patient in the Madras Mental Hospital."

*Prosecutions under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act.*

* 1046 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state how many persons have been prosecuted under the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act since its commencement?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" Four hundred and twenty-one persons have been prosecuted so far under the Madras Removal of Civil Disabilities Act since its commencement."

*Alleged re-employment of persons punished by the former Pudukkottai Government.*

* 1047 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons dismissed or removed for corruption, suspicion, etc., from Pudukkottai State service by the former Pudukkottai State administration have been reinstated in service or the order of removal set aside by the Madras State Government after the merger; and

(b) the reasons for such action by the Madras Government?